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Mr. Wilber M. Brucker Reverend Edward L. R. Elson The Mational Presbyterien Church Connecticut Avenue at N Street, N. W. Washington, D. C.

## Gentlemen:

Thank you most kindly for your invitation of 14 January inviting me to be a guest at a Congressional Dinner to be held at the Church Hall on 27 January 1958.

Much as I would like to be with your group on this occasion, a prior consistent for that evening precludes my attending. Therefore, I must regretfully decline your very kind invitation. Your courtesy in asking me to be your honored guest is deeply appreciated.

Once again, many thanks and kindest regards.

Sincerely,

Allen V. Dulles Director

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The Honorable Allen Dulles 2723 Q Street, N. W. Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Dulles:

As the second session of the 85th Congress gets under way, the Men of the National Presbyterian Church are inviting you, as a Presbyterian, to be their honored guest at a Congressional Dinner to be held in the Church Hall on January 27, 1958 at 7:00 P.M. o'clock.

The speaker for the evening will be the Reverend Dr. Rex S. Clements, pastor of the Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church, Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania. His subject will be "The Role of the Church in the Nation," in which he will interpret the present program and mission of the church as it relates to national and world affairs.

We earnestly hope that you will be able to be our guest on January 27. You will find enclosed a card to facilitate your acceptance of this invitation.

Sincerely yours,

Wilber M. Brucker Hongrary Chairman

Edward L. R. Elson

Pastor